By Staff Correspondent

The International Women's Day will be observed tomorrow throughout the country as elsewhere in the world.

The International Women's Day Observance Committee has chalked out an elaborate programme to celebrate the day this year, with the theme "Equality of men and

women's", says a press release. The day commemorates a procession brought out on March 8, 1857 in New York by female workers to protest their working conditions and wages. The rally was attacked by the police.

Later, in 1910, the day was declared as the International Women's Day at the 2nd International Socialist Women's conference, held in

Copenhagen, Denmark. In the city, the programme begins today with a torch procession, scheduled to start at 5:30 pm from outside the National Museum, Shahbag. It will end at the Dhanmondi playground with a cultural

Besides, rallies and discussion sessions will be held today at Boro Bazaar in Meherpur and at Kamarkhali Bazaar in Choromaddi, Bakergani

Tomorrow, a Women's Day procession will start at 8:30 am from the Bangla Motor in the city. It will end at the Ramna Botomul through a cultural function.

Another rally, organised by the Sammilito Nari Shamai will start at 8:30 am from the Central Shaheed Minar. It will end in front of the National Museum, Shahbag, through a cultural function. Moreover, the Committee

will organise processions, rallies, discussion meetings and cultural functions tomorrow in Mymensingh, Sariakandi. Jessore, Tangail, Bogra, Jamalpur, Ghatail, Rajshahi, Netrokona, Cox's Bazaar, Sirajganj

and Kurigram. UNB adds: To mark the day. the Jatiyo Mahila Sangstha will bring out a procession from the National Museum at 2 pm tomorrow. It will be led by Begum Sarwari Rahman, State Minister for Women and

Children's Affairs. Later in the afternoon, the Women and Children Affairs Ministry will hold a discussion meeting at the Osmani Memorial at 4 pm.

DU admission tests postponed

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University authorities have postponed the admission tests for first year Honours classes for the session 1995-96. The tests were scheduled to start from March

Meanwhile, admission forms will be distributed at least for a week after the polit ical situation becomes normal The authorities will accordingly notify the date of distribution of forms.

Today is the scheduled closing date of distributing as well as receiving admission

However, the admission forms will also be received tomorrow in the faculty offices for the convenience of the students.

Readymade garments

From Page 1 completely idle despite having (export) orders.

"My factory was supposed to get fabrics worth 1.5 million dollars by 18th of this month. But the shipment has been stuck at the Chittagong port," said Igbal Ahmed.

owner of several RMG units. "If the strike begins, the garments sector would collapse taking with it the banks, manne companies, accessories makers, and the transport sector," said Engineer M A Taher, former vicepresident of BGMEA. "The livelihood of about 20 million people is related directly or indirectly to the garments sector. They will plunge into a

deep pocket of poverty." Manufacturers can not ship their consignments because of the strikes and the consequent congestions at the port resulting in increasing

stocklots of apparels. "If we have stocklots of orders because of export failures, we have to sell them at half the original price," said

Taher. "Those of us having fabrics awaiting at the port are likely to face the same fate." Iqbal Ahmed, Managing Director of Burlingtons Ltd, said manufacturers can not provide

any production schedule because of the political uncertainty, resulting in a total loss of buyers' confidence.

The buyers who had placed orders with us would not understand the strikes or congestions. Whatever they order are presold apparels and therefore, they want them to be delivered in time. They are insisting on us to air-freight the products," said M R Ali, chairman of Shippers Council of Bangladesh and owner of several RMG factories.

"If we miss one ship, this makes timely delivery of garments uncertain," said Ali. "We do not know when we can avail the next ship."

"The buyers were sympathetic to-us when cyclone ravaged the country in 1991 and we failed to deliver apparels in time. But they are not in a position to accept the current man-made catastrophe. They are not willing to extend shipment time," he added.

Orders are being diverted to other emerging garments exporting countries. Manufacturers reported that the international buyers are placing fewer orders this year. For example, Capital Mercury Shirt Corp Ltd, a major US buyer, has slashed its orders from about five lakh dozen the previous year to only 80,000 dozens. It is reportedly buying from Kenya and Korea.

The garment factories were supposed to work for the atitumn and winter styles now. but most factories remain idle as buyers are not placing orders because of the political

turmoil. The manufacturers have already missed the summer orders for the summer styles because of the political crisis, now they are poised to miss

the autumn and winter season Many garment factory owners are facing bankruptcy as their bank loans are increasing while they also have to pay wages to the regular workers.

Even the banks are refusing to continue funding the factories as they are crossing their credit limits. I am facing a Tk 1.5 crore

deficit after the last three months' of backlog in expenses," said one garment

factory owner. "I opened LCs four months back, but could not deliver the goods in time. Meanwhile, my local bank has debitted the LC money from my account and paid to the beneficiary bank in Hong Kong. I have to bear the interest on this payment although I have not received

the export proceeds." Manufacturers now fear that the factories will face liquidity crisis very shortly. which some of them are already facing, as the banks will not be willing to provide credit due to non performance of commitment

by the manufacturers. The ships facing congestions at the Ctg port are unloading their consignments at the Singapore port, according to the Shippers' Council of Bangladesh

"One day's delay at the port causes about 6,000 dollars demurrage to the shipping lines. This is why they are diverting to Singapore which puts the importers even at greater odds," a Shippers' Council official said.

Ships are now unwilling to carry cargo to Bangladesh because of the congestion and uncertainty, Shippers' Council sources said.

Captain Anisur Rahman Sinha (rtd): Chairman of Opex Group, said he had beeived a message from Hong Kong that all shipping lines excepting Maersk are refusing to ferry

containers to Bangladesh. At least 25 per cent of the country's estimated 2,250 garments units are now closed, according to a BGMEA estimate. A large number of garment factories are also limping towards closure because of shortage of fabrics.

BGMEA appeal

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other mills during the noncooperation programme. In a statement he appealed to Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina and other opposition leaders for exempting the garments and other exportoriented industries; including sea ports, from hartal and

other political programmes. He also urged Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to take necessary measures for keeping all sea ports and exportoriented industries operational during hartal and opposition programmes.

Attempt on Shabir Shah's life

SRINAGAR (India), Mar 6 Shabir Shah, the most prominent leader of the Muslim separatist movement in Kashmir, survived an assassination attempt today by renegade Muslim militants and Indian troops, his spokesman said,

reports AFP. Shah was unhurt in the attack which occurred during a visit to the town of Pampore. 13-km south of this Kashmir summer capital, his

spokesman Naim Khan said. Shah, who has spent most of his life behind bars because of his campaign for self-determination for Kashmir, had a "narrow escape" when his convoy of vehicles came under fire

while driving through the town, he said. Khan alleged that the attack was carried out by renegade Muslim militant groups funded by India and Indian troops.

One killed in city clash.

By Staff Correspondent One person was killed during a gunfight between two rival groups in the city yester-

Fazar Ali. 35, a vendor, was killed on the spot when he was caught in cross fire during a gunfight between two rival groups of hooligans near Madhubagh playground in Moghbazar area at around 7:30 pm. police and witnesses said.

fied as Abdul Zabbar, received bullet wounds during the hour long clash.

He has been admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The clash was a sequel to infighting of a local terrorist

Locals alleged that the group members were the supporters and activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. They were allegedly involved in extortion and terrorism in the area for a long time.

Several rounds of gunshots were fired during the clash creating panic in the whole

were deployed in the area. Ramna police recovered the body and sent it to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

3 Jubo Dal leaders shot in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 6: Three leaders of the Jativatabadi Jubo Dal, including its city convenor, received bullet wounds when some miscreants opened fire on them at Batali road of the town on Tuesday.

reports UNB. Syed Azam Uddin, city unit convenor and two other leaders — Shamsul Hug and Sujavet Hossain Khokon - came under attack at 1 pm; according to a

The attackers also hurled bombs and fled the scene, it added.

Hospital in a critical condition. Meanwhile, Jubo Dal and JCD, in a joint protest meet ing, condemned the incident and blamed the BCL activists

for the attack. A case was filed with the Kotwali police.

Road barricade in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Mar 6: The traffic movement was stopped for eight hours at Tajpur on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway today to press for immediate installa-

got stranded on both sides of pm. The Tajpur auto exchange implementation committee enforced the road barricade programme.

any such step. ing political parties, civic and professional organisations and

elaborated. neutral caretaker government and to hold a free and fair election within the shortest

possible time." Dr Kamal "They could also give the time-table and the ideas by which each step should be taken and the manner in which any legal or constitutional formalities can be completed. If necessary, they may recommend a reference to the Supreme Court for an advisory

opinion under Article 106." Dr Kamal observed that both the ruling party and the

ernment. ever, added that since she did not mention any specific timeframe for setting up the interim government, uncertainty

still persisted. . The rally was addressed. among others, by Nurjahan Murshid, Pankaj Bhattacharya, Jahirul Islam, Dr Abdul Hakim, Mostafa Mohsin Mantu and

others. Historic Mar 7

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assemble at Bangabandhu Bhavan at 7:30 am to place wreaths at the portrait of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, says a party press release.

be organised in all 15 thanas in the city in the afternoon and the recorded speech of March 7 will be played.



incident.

shifted the hartal date March

as a surprise to many office goers and school children turned up at their respective destinations only to know that hartal had been called for the

Traffic movement in the city and its adjoining areas was almost normal till around 10:00 am. Most of the vehicles were then taken off the roads as many Opposition activists started stopping vehicles. pelting stones and exploding crackers and home-made bombs.

Most of the schools, offices and shops that opened in the morning were soon closed as pro-hartal pickets became active. Police and BDR was deployed at various road intersections in the city. Their number seemed less than on other hartal days in the past.

Opposition activists set ablaze a minibus at Palashi in the morning while another one was damaged at Mirpur. Some autorickshaws were also damaged at Green Road. Mahakhali and Baitul Mokarram areas. One of the autorickshaws damaged in the incident belonged to an

porters set afire a Bogra-bound bus in the city at about 11 am. leaving 10 passengers including a woman injured, news agency reports said. Some passengers alleged that their belongings were also looted during the incident.

Three trucks and a minibus

damaged

driver. Five of them were sent to the DMCH. According to hospital sources, the fatally injured driver was shifted to some other hospital, our DMCH correspondent re-

Jahangirnagar University at

around the same time. Five

passengers of the minibus

were reportedly injured in the

At Farmgate, some home-

made bombs exploded in a bus

carrying BNP workers from

Madanpur under Narayangani

district. It left at least 10 peo-

ple injured including the

ported Police lobbed tear gas shells at Dainik Bangla crossing in the afternoon when pro-hartal activists and BNP supporters exchanged brick-bats there. Chase and counter-chase between pro and anti hartal activists were also reported from some

places in the city. Witnesses said several buses and trucks carrying BNP workers to its rally at Manik Mia Avenue came under attack at different points in the city

in the afternoon. Train service was also disrupted due to the hartal, said Railway officials. Opposition activists set up barricades at Joydevpur, Fatullah and Tongi disrupting movement of trains

At Joydevpur, activists hurled petrol bombs at the Railway station office. As a result some documents were

At Sreepur, pro-hartal activists, forcing an intercity express train to stop, clashed with the police. The clash left at least 25 people injured.

80 injured in N'ganj clash

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ. Mar 6: At least 80 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of ruling BNP and opposition Awami League and Jatiya Party during a dawn-todusk hartal called by the main opposition parties today.

The city Awami League and the Jatiya Party in a joint statement claimed that at least 50 supporters of their parties were injured, nine of them seriously, during a clash with the supporters of BNP at Chashara.

The city BNP in a statement claimed that their 30 supporters were injured.

Witnesses said, the clash erupted at around 3:45 pm when opposition activists attacked BNP supporters who were going to the local bus stand in a procession to go to Dhaka for attending the Prime Minister's meeting.

Both the groups used cut rifles and pistols besides exploding more than 200 crude bombs during the half-an-hour

The BNP alleged that three Juba Dal workers, including Kabir Hossain and Nurul Huda. were kidnapped by the Awami League and Jatiya Party activists and taken to Chashara, the stronghold of AL and JP.

In another incident at Fatulla, Habibur Rahman, a pedestrian, was seriously injured in a bomb explosion. He was admitted to Narayanganj Hospital.

Boulders

From Page 1 turnable within four weeks, to the Assam government, the MMTC and others, said a report in the Business Standard vesterday.

As a result the blasting operation of the hill is being delayed although it was all set to undertake blasting operations in the hill, having obtained the necessary clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the Ajam Pollution Control Board, the report said.

The MMTC had won a contract for supplying three lakh tonnes of boulders for 890 crore rupees World Bank-aided Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge Project in Sirajganj, Bangla-

Under the MMTC delivery schedule 30 thousand metric tonnes of boulders were to be made available per month alongside the designated leading points.

Khandaker Moshtaque laid to rest

Former president and National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Chairman Khandaker Moshtaque Ahmed was buried at the family graveyard at

Dashpara under Daudkandi in Comilia yesterday, reports BSS Khandakar Ishtiaq Ahmed Babu, son of the deceased, relations, friends and political personalities earlier attended his namaz-e-janaza at the local

Nasim Maidan. The gul khwani of Moshtaque will be held at his Dashpara residence after Asar

Seven killed in BDR firing From Page 1 gunshots and several rounds of snatched away ballot papers

stituencies, including Rangpur-5, were postponed because of violence.

near

political parties called a 48hour non-stop hartal in the constituencies from 6 am today (Thursday) to protest the killings. Our Sirajgani Correspondent says three people wire

Meanwhile, the opposition

killed in BDR firing here yesterday. Police and hospital sources confirmed two deaths, identifying the victims as Masud Rana, 25, and Nibot, 12, who were killed when BDR opened

fire at the Bhuiyagati School centre. The opposition parties have called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in all the nine thanas of the district today (Thursday) to

protest the deaths of the ac-A procession of anti-election activists armed with guns. home-made bombs and sticks earlier attacked the centre at about 10:30 am when repolling for the Sirajganj-3 con-

stituency was going on, witnesses said. The BDR and police opened fire and used tear gas shells to disperse the attackers, who exploded over 100, hand bombs. Two people died on the spot while a minor boy Nibot succumbed to his wounds

at Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospi-Seventy people were injured in the clashes. Among them, eight people who had bullet wounds were admitted to the hospital. They

Shafiqui Islam, 20, Iqbal, 22, Bulbul, 20, and Ananda, 18. Twelve others injured with bomb splinters were admitted to different clinics and health centres.

are: Jasmat Ali, 23, Rana, 18,

Zia, 18. Masud Rana 24,

Witnesses said voters' turnout in all the three constituencies was very low. The constituencies are: Siraigani-3 (Raiganj-Tarash), Sirajganj-5 (Belkuchi-Kamarkhanda) and Sirajganj-6 (Chouhali — four unions of Shahjadpur). UNB adds: Some 2500 op-

position activists attacked

Gaberpara Senior Madrasha

centre in Belkuchi thana and

forcibly picked up the presid-

ing officer. The attacker

and boxes, police said.

bahi Officer (TNO). Opposition activists also attacked on Kazipur Primary School centre in Kamarkhanda thana and snatched ballot papers and boxes, according to

A Kishoreganj report adds: . * Pakundia thana yesterday set fire to the TNO office and his

district scheduled for today. The agitators attacked the office at about 3:30 pm and ransacked the furniture before setting it on fire. Firelighters from the district headquarters rushed to the spot to extinguish the fire.

According to the district election officials, repolling in 116 centres of Kishoreganj-1 (Hussainpur and Pakundia) and Kishoreganj-3 (Sadar) constituencies will be held today.

Repolling in the Comilla 9 and Comilla-12 constituencies was held yesterday amid massive violence that left at least 30 people injured

The turn out of voters was very thin as the opposition parties enforced a dawn-to-

said polling in 27 centres out of 64 in Comilla-9 was again postponed yesterday due to massive violence. Meanwhile. Shamsuddin, a ruling party

candidate was elected from

According to unofficial results. Shamsuddin bagged 43.551 votes while his nearest rival independent candidate Akbar Hossain Chowdhury polled 5144 votes. Results of Comilia-9 was not available till

Witnesses said 30 people were injured in sporadic clashes between police and antielection activists at Chouddagram Bazar. Of the injured six were admitted to Chouddagram Health Complex.

rowdy opposition activists. Traffic on Dhaka-Chittagong highway was disrupted for about four hours from 4 pm as the anti-election activists put tip barricades on the highway at Cheura in the thana. They also damaged some 100 vehicles on the highway and differ-

Chandpur Repolling was held/in 66 centres of Chandpur-6 and Chandpur-3 constituencies amidst violent opposition

tuency, there was reportedly no genuine voters in a couple of polling centres while at Matlab degree College there was no voting until in the afternoon as the Presiding Officer and Polling Officer left the centre in the face of

At Ghrid Malijdia centre at Faridganj (Chandpur-6) constituency, some 25 people were injured in clashes between the ruling BNP and opposition activists on Tuesday

evening and yesterday. Source said balloting could not be held in most of the centres in Chandpur-6 con stituency because of opposition

Gaibandha

Our Gaibandha Correspondent adds: Opposition alliances today called for a two-day hartal on Mar 7-8 to foil re-polling of Gaibandha-2 and Gaibandha-3 constituencies scheduled to be held tomorrow.

train at Gibandha station and a complete hartal was observed at Fulchhari and Shaghata. where repolling is scheduled in two constituencies -- Gaibandha-4 and Gaibandda-5. The anti-election activists brought out series of processions and held meetings to hovcott polls.

The Midnight Kile

Houses of Indian parliament adjourn in uproar

NEW DELHI, Mar 6: Both houses of India's parliament adjourned in uproar today after deputies demanded the resignation of Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao over a political corruption scandal. The furore came as another opposition leader was charged in the bribes-for-favours scandal and two former minister facing charges won bail in the case, reports Reuter.

Contents of PM's Letter

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Commenting on Begum Zia's letter, Mannan Bhuiyan said that his party was awaiting a reply from Sheikh Hasina and that he would initiate the next step for discussions after

receiving the reply. Asked on the Opposition's proposal that the President should initiate the proposed dialogue, Mannan Bhuiyan said We want direct talks with them, to resolve the political crisis."

The BNP leader regretted the 'attacks' on his party workers by the "Opposition activists" yesterday. "We shifted our public rally twice to avoid confrontation with the opposition parties, which repeatedly shifted the date of their hartal coinciding it with our rally?" he said.

He, however, said that the BNP workers in the city joined the rally braving all "threats and attacks by the Opposition

activists." On the Oppositions planned

FBCCI chief's appeal

The President of FBCCI Salman F. Rahman yesterday urged an immediate end to the political crisis and recommended that a small group of leading citizens of integrity and maturity be entrusted to work out a binding solution, reports UNB.

"It is pity that in a country of 120 million people we have to turn to the outside world for mediation of our national crisis", the FBCCI President said in an "open letter" to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and former leader of the opposition in parliament Sheikh

Hasina. He hoped that the sincere efforts of both the PM and the opposition leader would be able to locate men and women of such integrity and maturity

from amongst our nationals. Hasina From Page 1

mon people. If the 5-point proposal is not met by the government. the Awami League President urged the people to start the non-stop non-cooperation

across the country. Mentioning the Prime Minister's March 3 address to the nation and the BNP Secretary General's remarks about the release of detained political leaders, Hasina said: "But the nation does not trust Begum Zia and her BNP for their past

breaches of commitments." Our staff correspondent adds: A joint meeting of the Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami would be held at nine tonight at the Kalabagan residence of AL presidium member Abdus Samad Azad. said AL organising secretary

Mohammad Nasim. Meanwhile, some leaders of the three major parties had an informal meeting at Azad's

indefinite non-cooperation programme. Mannan Bhuiyan said: "Agitation that allows taking law into their own hands can not bag public support. Because, people want peace."

Text of PM's letter Following is The Daily Star translated version of Begum

Zia's letter to Sheikh Hasina: "In my address to the nation on March 3, I made specific proposals so that all future general elections can take place under a non-party government and so that all political parties can participate in

"Making those proposals as agenda, le call you to sit for a dialogue immediately to reach a solution, acceptable to all concerned, on the outline of the non-party government, the next general elections and

other relevant issues. "Please, let us know your views, in the shortest possible time, when and where we can

sit for discussions. "I hope that, Insha Allah, the existing problems would be resolved through our discussions and our united ef-

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tacks and demanded immediate arrest of the attackers. Chhatra Oikya leader Ali Hasan told newsmen that seven armed Shibir activists including Shahdat, Masud, Helal and Mukul killed Aman and attacked Chhatra Moitree

Rajshahi University tomorrow.

PM elected. From Page 1 widespread violence and

boxes. Begum Zia bagged total 47,655 votes, including 2,128 from 25 centres in the day's repolling. Voting has been postponed in one centre due

to violence during repolling today. The repolling in the constituency (Sadar and Daganbhuiyan thana) was conducted peacefully amid tight security. Huge contingent of

dhury of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) were elec-

ted members of parliament today. According to unofficial results. Khasru returned from Sylhet-6 (Bianibazar and Golapgani) while Chowdhury from

Sylhet-3 (South Surma and Fenchuganj) constituencies. Repolling in 6 centres of .Sylhet-6 and 23 centres of Sylhet-3 constituencies was held peacefully. But the turn

From Page 1 Mannan Bhuiyan. State Ministers Sadek Hossain, Prof Jahanara Begum, Sarwari Rahman, Goyeshwar Roy, Maj (retd) Abdul Mannan, members of the sixth Parliament Mirza Abbas Salahuddin Ahmed, Amanullah Aman, Shamsuzzaman Dudu, Maj (retd) Quamrul Islam, S A Khaleque, Khandakar Mah-

bubuddin Ahmed and Fazlul Haq Milon and leaders of the party's front organisations. Besides, 14 other ministers including Mirza Golam Hafiz, A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Majid ul Haque, M Shamsul Islam, Oli Ahmad, Saifur Rahman, Tarigul Islam, Rafigul Islam Mia and

were present on the dais. In her 25-minute speech. Begum Zia also narrated her party's moves for resolving the political crisis with special emphasis on her latest proposal for a non-party government for holding all future general elections. She gave a fresh call for a dialogue to get rid of the impasse, blamed the Opposition for what she said ruining the national economy and obstructing national development through hartal-like

Referring to her recent address to the nation and her letter to Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, the BNP Chairperson said. "I've made concrete proposal on the nonparty government and offered discussions on the structure of the government and the schedule for the seventh parliament polls. I hope they would accept our offer for the sake of continuing the constitutional and democratic pro-

programmes.

cess in the country. Speaking further on her dialogue offer to the agitating Opposition, the ruling party chief said. "The country belongs to all. You must hold talks if you want development of the country, solution to the crists and continuation of democratic process. If the national economy is ruined by your programmes then none

would remain well. Hartals, strikes etc, had pushed the economy towards a vulnerable state and had particularly affected the most prospective garments industry during the last two years, she

vestors, resulting in national loss, she noted. Whose purpose do you want to serve by enforcing such programmes?, Begum Zia posed the question to the Op-

"Hartal is a programme for threatening the people. Please, shun the politics of hartals if you want people's support." The BNP chief condemned 'attacks' on her party's activists on their way to yesterday's public rally and thanked them for attending the rally defying.

criticised the opposition parties for 'attempting to foil' the rally by calling a hartal. "It's not political culture. It's fascism and negative politics which would bring no good to

the country." Prof Choudhury alleged that opposition parties attacked BNP activists at 17 spots yes-

Referring to Awami League's previous call for hartal on the historic March 7, along with Jamaat-e-Islami, the BNP leader recalled part of the historic speech delivered by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on this day in 1971 and urged the AL to remember its leader and his speech. "Don't you feel ashamed of calling hartal on the day in collaboration with those against whom the speech was given?"

nan Bhuiyan said that his party was doing its best to resolve the political crisis peacefully and through discussions and was creating a congenial atmo sphere for this But he al leged, the Opposition move was a provocative one.

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An old man was also in-

A 65-year-old man, identi-

group.

Huge contingents of police

party press release.

The injured were rushed to the Chittagong Medical College

tion of an automatic telephone Several hundred vehicles Tajpur Bazar due to the road blockade from 6:99 am to 2:00

Gono Forum From Page 1 "The President could invite some leading personalities who enjoy confidence of all sections of people, as for example, one or more retired chief justice, to come forward and start consultations with all pro-democracy forces includ-

eminent personalities who took an active role in the prodemocracy movement." he "Through intensive consultations, they could spell out the concrete and specific steps to be taken to establish a

Opposition agreed separately on the need for free and fair elections and a caretaker gov-The Prime Minister's speech had cleared the BNP's position on an interim government, he noted. He, how-

abandhu Bhavan, AL Central Office and at all unit offices throughout the country at six in the morning. AL leaders and workers will

Besides, separate rallies will

- Star photo 100 injured, 18 held

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The late night announcement by the Opposition came

English daily. Witnesses said hartal sup-

from around 10:Q0 am to 6:00

burnt, said witnesses.

prayers tomorrow.

At Belkuchi, some unidentified people also hurled bombs at the residence of Thana Nir-

police. Kishoreganj Anti-election activists in

residence protesting repolling in two constituencies of the

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Comilla-12 constituency. filing the report at 11 pm.

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Agitating processionists today ransacked Ekota Intercity

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out of voters was very thin, residence last night. witnesses said.

PM: Shun hartals said. Frequent hartals were discouraging the foreign in-

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Prof Badruddoza Choudhury

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